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Utah State Bulletin Transitions to an "Electronic Only" Publication

Salt Lake City — January 7, 2003— The Division of Administrative Rules announced plans to discontinue its paper publication of the *Utah State Bulletin*. The final paper edition printed under the current contract will be dated April 1, 2003. The Division will continue to publish the *Bulletin* in electronic format on the Internet.

The *Utah State Bulletin*, issued on the 1st and 15th of each month, has been available since September 1, 1973. It is an authoritative source for state administrative rules. State law requires that administrative rules — state agencies' written statements that have the effect of law — be published in the *Utah State Bulletin*. The *Bulletin* contains proposed rules open for a minimum of 30 days of public comment, emergency rules which go into effect immediately, and other types of rulemaking and executive branch notices.

While this transition to an electronic only publication has been anticipated for some time, the actual schedule of the transition was moved up in response to reductions in the Division of Administrative Rules' fiscal year 2003 budget.

Electronic versions of the *Utah State Bulletin* have been available on the Internet since 1996. The *Bulletin* will continue to be available at http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/bulletin.htm . Anyone may access state administrative rules at this address. A summary of the *Bulletin*, called the *Utah State Digest*, is available free of charge by E-mail. To subscribe to the *Utah State Digest* ListServ, send a blank E-mail message to join-admin_rules_digest@list.utah.gov .